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BODY

COUNTRY: (U) UKRAINE (UP), RUSSIA (RS), SOUTH AFRICA (SF)  
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SUBJ: [REDACTED] SOME BITS ON POSSIBLE UKRAINIAN  
AFRICAN WEAPONS PROJECTS (U)WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVA  
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SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ SOUTH AFRICA HAS MODIFIED T-72 TANKS CAPTU  
ANGOLA AND RECENTLY HOSTED ARMAMENTS DELEGATIONS FROM UKRA  
RUSSIA. SOUTH AFRICAN ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES HA  
RECENTLY VISITED UKRAINE.

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TEXT:

1. ~~(C)~~ [REDACTED] SOUTH AFRICA HAS MODI  
UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF T-72 TANKS CAPTURED IN ANGOLA.

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[REDACTED] THE PRIMARY EMPHASIS  
UPGRADES WAS IN THE AREA OF FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT.  
ESTIMATED THAT, AS A RESULT OF THESE UPGRADES, THE MODIFIE  
TANKS WERE "85 PER CENT" AS EFFECTIVE AS TODAY'S MOST MODER  
BATTLE TANKS. [REDACTED]  
MODIFIED TANKS RETAINED THE AUTOMATIC LOADER. [REDACTED]  
THAT T-72 CHASSIS WERE USED AS MOUNTS FOR TUBE ARTILL  
UNSPECIFIED CALIBER.

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2. ~~(C)~~ [REDACTED] THE SOUTH AFRICAN G-6 HOWITZ  
A RANGE OF 50 KILOMETERS.

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[REDACTED] ARMS INDUSTRY DELEGATIONS FRO  
UKRAINE AND RUSSIA HAD VISITED A RECENT LARGE, BIANNUAL ARM  
IN SOUTH AFRICA. [REDACTED] THE UKRAINIANS AND RU

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EXPRESSED SURPRISE OVER THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE T-72.

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3. ~~(S)~~ THE WEAPONS INDUSTRY IS PERHAPS ONE OF UKRAINE INDUSTRIES WHICH CAN CURRENTLY BRING THE CASH-STRAPPED UK ECONOMY SOME HARD CURRENCY. CHEAP UKRAINIAN MANUFACTURING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN "MODERN TECHNOLOGY" AND MARKETING CAN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES. RECENT STATEMENTS SENIOR UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT ((KUCHMA)) AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND DEFMIN VALERIY ((SH HAVE REAFFIRMED UKRAINIAN DESIRES TO SELL ARMS FOR PROFIT RECENT ARMS SHOW IN SOUTH AFRICA AND STATEMENTS BY SOUTH A PRESIDENT NELSON ((MANDELA)) HAVE BEEN SIMILAR TO THE UK LEADERSHIP'S. UKRAINIAN-SOUTH AFRICAN WEAPONS MAKERS "ENGAGED" FOR A MARRIAGE MADE IN "ARMS HEAVEN."

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